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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/645,321 )  
Filed: August 25, 2000 )  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING )  
N-ACETYLNEURAMINIC ACID : November 25, 2002

Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, PE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2002 to November 24, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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